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IN RE: U.S.S.N. 09/397,110 )  
FILED: September 16, 1999 )  
TITLE: PROCESS AND MATERIALS FOR )  
THE RAPID DETECTION OF )  
*STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE* )  
EMPLOYING PURIFIED )  
ANTIGEN-SPECIFIC )  
ANTIBODIES )  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
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Please cancel claims 10-32 and insert in lieu thereof the following claims:

33 A method of detecting the presence of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* or its cell wall

C-polysaccharide, in a fluid, which method comprises the following steps:

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- a) culturing a known *Streptococcus pneumoniae* bacterium, to obtain a desired size of culture and harvesting therefrom cells thereof as a wet cell pellet;
  - b) obtaining from the wet cell pellet a cell wall C-polysaccharide antigen containing not more than 10% protein according to a series of steps which comprises;
    - (i) suspending the wet cell pellet in an alkaline solution and mixing;